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Law and Justice Interim Committee: Meeting #2

Monday, October 1, 2007
Room 137, Capitol, Helena

- 8:00 a.m. Call to order and roll call
Approval of the committee's July 13, 2007, minutes
Agenda Notes: **Sen. McGee**, Chairman
* Washington **State Rep. Roger Goodman** will stop in sometime after 11:30 a.m. to speak on alternative sentencing for certain nonviolent drug offenders
- 8:15 a.m. **Dr. Polly Peterson, Ph.D.**, psychologist, Anaconda, and the former director of psychology at the Montana State Hospital: Overview of mental illness, definitions and diagnoses
- 8:45 a.m. **David Niss**, staff attorney: Legal analysis on constitutional issues related to handling mentally ill individuals in the adult corrections system
- 9:15 a.m. **Deb Matteucci**, Behavioral Health Program Facilitator, DPHHS and DOC: Introduction to the GAINS sequential intercept model, application of the model to mentally ill offenders and chemically dependent offenders
- Panel presentations (**Deb Matteucci**, moderator): At your level in the sequential intercept model:
- (1) How are mentally ill offenders identified and handled?
 - (2) Are there or should there be diversion alternatives for nonviolent substance abuse offenders?
 - (3) What changes/improvements would you like to see with respect to mentally ill offenders and nonviolent substance abuse offenders?
- 9:30 a.m. Intercept 1 - Community/Local Law Enforcement
- Cheryl Liedle, Sheriff, Lewis & Clark County
 - Dan Tronrud, Sheriff, Sweetgrass County
 - Joyce DeCunzo - Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, DPHHS
- 10:15 a.m. Intercept 2 - Court Processes
- Leslie Halligan, Deputy County Attorney, Missoula County
 - Dr. Laura Wendlandt, Office of State Public Defender
 - Brenda Desmond, Standing Master, 4th Judicial District (Missoula)

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- 11:00 a.m. Intercept 3 - Community Services/Community Corrections
- Kelly Speer, Corrections Manager, DOC
 - Kim Christianson, Probation & Parole Officer, DOC
- 11:45 a.m. Working lunch, 15 min. break to get lunch and be seated again
- 12:00 noon Public Comment
- 12:30 p.m. Intercept 4 - Incarceration/Prison/Secure Treatment
- Warden Mike Mahoney, MSP
 - Dr. David Schaefer, Mental Health Services Unit, MSP
 - Warden Jo Acton, MWP
 - Mike Buchanan, Billings mental health center (?)
- 1:15 p.m. Intercept 5 - Re-entry/Transition Services
- Kelly Speer, Corrections Manager, DOC
 - Craig Thomas, Exec. Dir., Board of Pardons and Parole
 - Ed Foley, Institutional Probation & Parole Officer
 - Tim Conley, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., Associate Professor of Social Work, UM
- 2:00 a.m. **Deb Matteucci:** Wrap up of sequential intercepts
- 2:15 p.m. Advocate comments
- Gary Mihelish, President, NAMI - Montana
 - Anita Roessman, Montana Advocacy Project
 - Tracy Velazquez, Exec. Dir., Montana Mental Health Association
 - Eve Franklin, State Mental Health Ombudsman
 - White Bison Group, American Indian representative (TBD) (?)
- 3:00 p.m. Public comment
- 3:30 p.m. Update on HJR 50 survey on civil involuntary mental health precommitment processes and costs, **Sheri Heffelfinger**, staff research analyst
- 3:45 p.m. Update on rule reviews, **Valencia Lane**, staff attorney
- 4:00 p.m. Committee discussion and instructions to staff
- 4:45 p.m. Adjournment

If you plan to attend the meeting and will need special services or accommodations, please contact Sheri Heffelfinger at 406-444-3596 or by email, sheffelfinger@mt.gov before the meeting.